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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1-16, 18 (in part) and 19 (in part)

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, as follows:

1. Claims 1-16, 18 (in part) and 19 (in part)

Method for producing a core-shell polymer emulsion, obtainable by

- (i) polymerisation of monomers in at least one first stage (core monomers);
- (ii) subsequent polymerisation of monomers in at least one second stage (transition stage); and
- (iii) final polymerisation of monomers in a third stage (shell monomers);

wherein

- (a) a maximum of 30 wt.% of the monomers in the first stage correspond to those in the third stage;
- (b) of the monomers in the second stage, at least 5 wt.% correspond to those in the first stage and at least 5 wt.% correspond to those in the third stage; and
- (c) a maximum of 60 wt.% of the monomers in the second stage are in neither the first nor the third stage.

2. Claims 17, 18 (in part) and 19 (in part)

Method for producing a coloured polymer layer, characterised in that the coloured polymer system and optionally a transparent polymer layer is/are heated to temperatures above 60 °C.

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